

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 265 and 266 as shown below.

1 to 264. (Cancelled)

265. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:35;
- (b) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:35 from nucleotide 99 to nucleotide 1514;
- (c) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:35 from nucleotide 171 to nucleotide 1514;
- (d) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:35 from nucleotide 57 to nucleotide 623;
- (e) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of the full-length protein coding sequence of clone bu45_2 deposited under accession number ATCC 98369;
- (f) a polynucleotide encoding the full-length protein encoded by the cDNA insert of clone bu45_2 deposited under accession number ATCC 98369;
- (g) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of a mature protein coding sequence of clone bu45_2 deposited under accession number ATCC 98369;
- (h) a polynucleotide encoding a mature protein encoded by the cDNA insert of clone bu45_2 deposited under accession number ATCC 98369;

- (i) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:36; and
- ~~(j) a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:36 having biological activity, the fragment comprising the amino acid sequence from amino acid 231 to amino acid 240 of SEQ ID NO:36;~~
- ~~(k) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of a polynucleotide of (a)-(h) above;~~
- ~~(l) a polynucleotide which encodes a species homologue of the protein of (i) or (j) above; and~~
- (m) (i) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any one of the polynucleotides specified in ~~(a)-(j)~~ in (a)-(i).

266. (Currently Amended) A protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:36;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:36 from amino acid 1 to amino acid 175; and
- ~~(c) fragments of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:36 comprising the amino acid sequence from amino acid 231 to amino acid 240 of SEQ ID NO:36; and~~
- (d) ~~(c)~~ the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of clone bu45_2 deposited under accession number ATCC 98369; 98369.

wherein the protein ~~being~~ is substantially free from other mammalian proteins.

267. (Previously Presented) An isolated gene corresponding to the cDNA sequence of SEQ ID NO:35.